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RI President – Holger Knaack
District Governor – Debbie Loveday

Club President – Jay Clowes
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack



Meeting Place: C.ex, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime: 12.30 - 1.45 pm

Apologies to Secretary Geoff Pollack by 10.30am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM – 10 May 2021

President Jay called the meeting to order at 12.30pm and gave the Welcome to Country. The Rotary Thanksgiving was read by John Donaldson and the Loyal Toast was given by Bernard Dowling.

Apologies received from Paul McLeod, Brian Leiper & Eddie Chau

No official guest speaker today so Mike Blewitt gave us an overview of his duties on the JP Desk at Park Beach Plaza and the requirements to be a JP.

General Business

- Ian McAllister asked members to assist Coffs Rotary with the organising of books for Bookfest. If you have some spare time over the next few Thursdays, the work is done from 4pm in the shed at the southern rear of Coffs Harbour Showground. from 4pm,
- President Jay advised he has been speaking with Dion at Jetty High School and they have three student interested in the NYSF program. Matter was discussed and before any commitment is given, we will need to review and commit to our financial support. Matter will be discussed by the board and relayed to the members.
- Bob Carle gave a brief update on The Festival of Motor Sport. It has been decided that as the event can be run wholly under Rotary, incorporation of the event in its own right isn't required. Bob advised that the profit from the event is expected to be in the range of \$8k to \$14k. Peter Wardman suggested some of these funds could assist our NYSF students. Discussion was held as to where the remaining funds could be directed, with the initial suggestion being to assist Coffs Hospital's Emergency Department with mobile Ultrasound Machines. This was from discussions between Jay and Dr Alan Tankel (Head of that unit).

Bob also advised that he's been in discussions with Geoff King about two Samoan workers whose father has to have major surgery in Samoa and doesn't have the necessary funds of approx. \$5k. Geoff is going to start a fund to receive financial donations and asked if our club was interested in being the charitable entity for funds to be directed to. Members

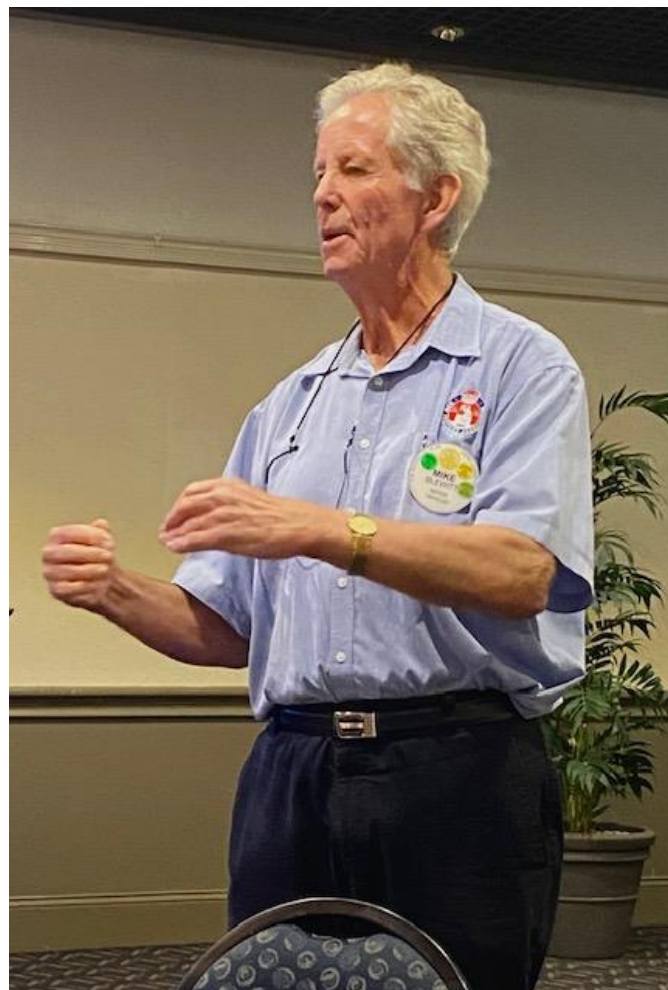
agreed it was a good cause and that we should assist, subject to the correct entity being used with DGR status.

- Secretary Geoff called again for a few volunteers to assist with traffic management at a school choir event for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod on Tuesday 1st June at Lifehouse Church in Orlando Street. Please refer separate emails from Geoff for further details and respond directly if you can assist.
- Paul McKeon advised that this year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of The Bunker Cartoon Gallery and suggested a celebration dinner for members and those associated with the original opening. He is checking the actual date but thinks it is in August. The event will be held in the new Gallery and be fully catered. Members agreed it was a good idea and most of those present indicated they would attend. Paul will advise further in due course.
- John Donaldson suggested that we have a review of club badges as some members are missing theirs and some now have incorrect information. The consensus was that members can do this individually as required.

Mike Blewitt gave a brief presentation on the role of a Justice of the Peace and outlined the requirements to have it renewed. Bernard Dowling gave Mike a vote of thanks on behalf of the members present.

Macca held a short fine session and the raffle was won by Bob Carle (again), however he and holdover winner John Walker failed to pick The Joker.

President Jay called the meeting closed at 1.45pm.



Mike Blewitt telling us all about JP duties.

DIARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

- District Training Assemblies - Sunday 30 May at CSU Port Macquarie.
- Changeover Function – Saturday 3 July – venue to be confirmed.

Happy Anniversary Wishes

May

John & Jenny Walker – 1st

Paul & Julianne McKeon – 10th



Happy Birthday Wishes

May

Lindy McLeod – 7th

Terry Maguire – 20th

Melissa Nunn – 26th

June

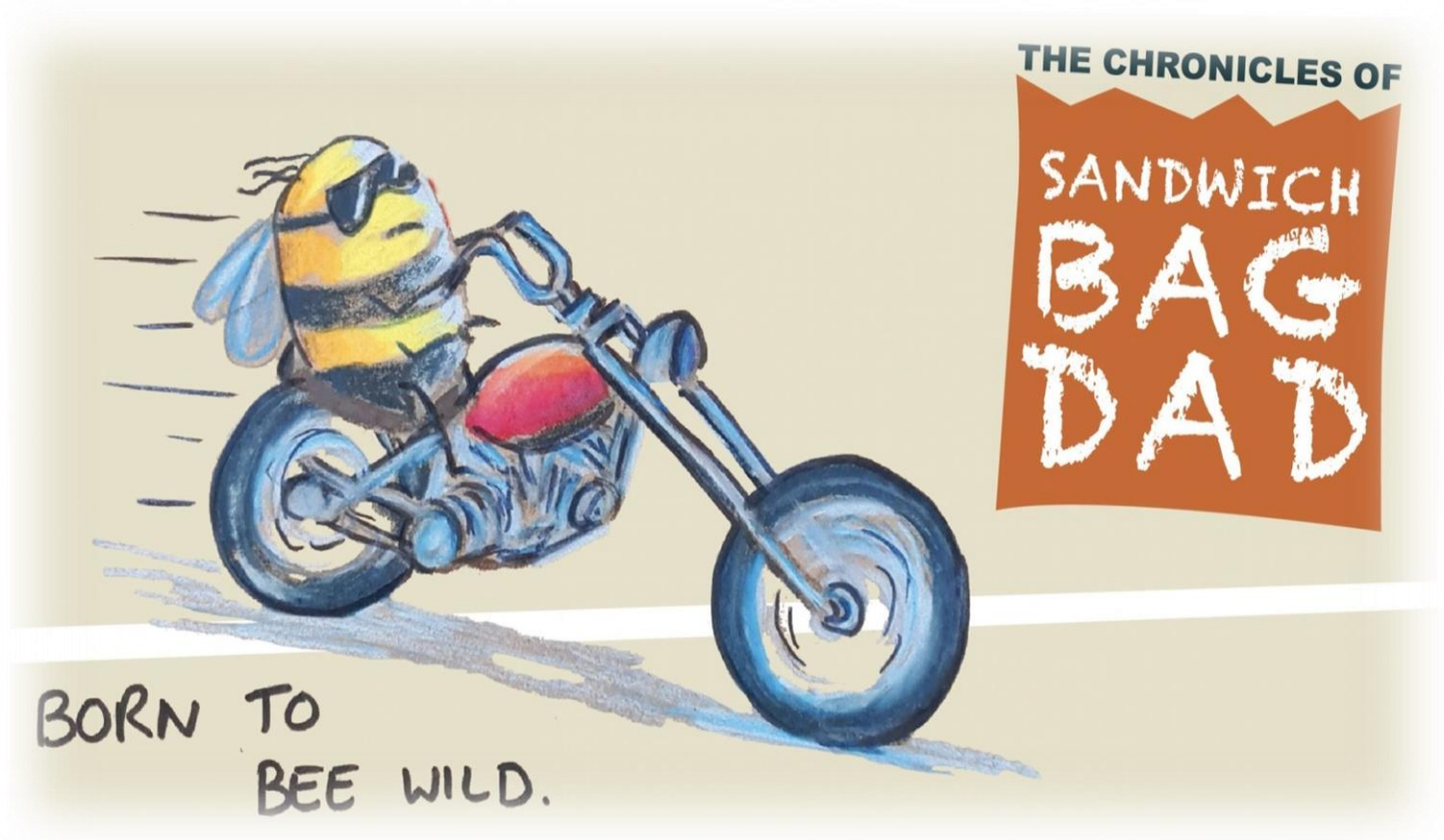
Misty Chau – 1st

Bronwyn McMahon – 3rd

Bruce Robertson – 15th



The National Cartoon Gallery Exhibitions





The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc. presents:

C.ex Coffs Coast Festival of Motor Sport

Proudly supported by Geoff King Motors

November 13th to 28th 2021

Saturday 13th

- Coffs Harbour: Massive Motor Show
- Cars: New, Modern, Classic, Vintage, Veteran Race, Rally, Drift
- Hot Rods
- Bikes: New, Modern, Classic, Vintage, Race, Special
- Car and Bike Club displays
- Trucks: New and Classic
- Tractors: Vintage
- Commercial Sites Available

Sunday 14th

- Coffs Harbour: Show Ground: Radio Controlled Off Road Racing
- Kempsey: Kempsey Sporting Car Club: Hill Climb
- Coffs Harbour: Mid Coast Mower Racing Club

Saturday 20th

- Coffs Harbour: Kart Racing Club
- Kempsey: Kempsey Macleay Off Road-- Dondingalong
- Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour 4X4 Club 2 Day Bush Trek

Sunday 21st

- Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour 4X4 Club: Bush Trek
- Kempsey: Kempsey Macleay Off Road--- Dondingalong
- Coffs Harbour: Raleigh Raceway: Burnout Competition

Wednesday 24th

- Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour & District Sporting Car Club: Hill Climb/Lap Dash Raleigh Raceway

Saturday 27th

- Coffs Harbour: Rally Championship Final Rounds For:
 - Asia Pacific Rally Championship
 - Australian Rally Championship
 - NSW Rally Championship
 - * NSW ECCRS 2WD Championship
 - * NSW ECCRS 4WD Championship
 - NSW Clubman Series Championship
 - NSW Hyundai Series Championship
 - (*ECCRS -- East Coast Classic Rally Series)
- Coffs Harbour: Raleigh Raceway: Special Stage of Rally
 - ***Please Note:** All Rally events are run and organised by Motorsport Australia
- Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour Motor Cycle Club
- Champion of the Dirt- Day 1
- Grafton: Speedway: Grafton Showground [night event]

Sunday 28th

- Grafton: Grafton Car Club: Hill Climb
- Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour Motor Cycle Club: Champions of the Dirt - Day 2
- Coffs Harbour: Raleigh Raceway: Rally Cross
- Coffs Harbour: Asia Pacific Rally and all other Class's as per Saturday start list



Some Interesting Facts about Covid-19

Anosmia (loss of smell) is a symptom.

The most commonly reported symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. However, as the disease has spread around the world, healthcare providers have noticed a few unusual symptoms, including loss of smell (anosmia) and decreased sense of taste (ageusia).

In South Korea, 30% of people who tested positive for the virus said that loss of smell was their first major symptom. In Germany, more than 2 out of 3 confirmed cases included loss of smell and taste.

Doctors recommend that anyone who experiences a sudden loss of smell or taste self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider.

Coronavirus can make babies seriously ill.

Compared to adults, children appear much less likely to get sick if they contract the novel coronavirus. However, the very young (less than 1 year) appear to be more vulnerable to serious illness than older children. From the records of 2,143 Chinese children, nearly 11% of sick infants were seriously or critically ill, compared to 7% of children ages 1 to 5 years, 4% of children ages 6 to 15 and 3% of teenagers aged 16 and older. In the United States, from February 12 to April 2, less than 2% of cases were in children younger than 18 years. Of these pediatric cases, 15% were in children under 12 months.

A multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) is affecting some children positive for current or recent SARS-CoV-2 infection. MIS is rare but very serious. MIS is characterized by gastrointestinal symptoms and cardiac (or other system) inflammation. The syndrome is similar to Kawasaki disease, an illness that could lead to enlarged coronary arteries or even coronary artery aneurysms. Contact your doctor right away if your child has fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, and/or is much more tired than usual. (Not all children will experience all MIS symptoms.)

People with type A blood may be more susceptible to infection.

A Chinese study of 2,173 individuals who were hospitalized with COVID-19 found that the proportion of sick people with type A blood was significantly greater than researchers would expect based upon the percentage of people with type A blood in the general population. The study also found that there were fewer sick people with type O blood than would be expected.

Genomic studies of patient from Italy and Spain have supported these findings, showing a higher risk of developing COVID-19 respiratory failure in patients with type A blood.

Reinfection may be possible.

If a person gets COVID-19, are they immune to future infection from SARS-CoV-2? And how long will immunity last? Ten to 30% of our common colds are caused by four different coronaviruses, and we all know that having a cold doesn't keep you from catching another cold.

Across several countries, doctors have confirmed less than a 100 cases of SARS-CoV-2 reinfection. The risk of reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 varies from person to person and also depends on the specific strain, or variant of SARS-CoV-2 the person is exposed to. In general, natural immunity and protection from reinfection is thought to last 6 to 12 months, but some people were reinfected earlier.

Vaccination is 100% effective in preventing severe COVID-19.

There are also three new vaccines that provide immunity to COVID-19. All three vaccines are 100% effective in preventing severe COVID-19. The first two vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna so-called "mRNA" vaccines) are 90% effective in preventing infection and symptoms, and the third vaccine (Johnson & Johnson's vector vaccine) is 66% effective, but still well above the 50% threshold of effectiveness. The Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine trial was underway at a time when more powerful virus strains were circulating in the community, which could have made the vaccine less effective. The J&J vaccine is still 100% protective against severe disease caused by one of the most concerning variants—the B.1.351 from South Africa.

Just for a Laugh

A little girl asks her mom, 'Mom, can I take the dog for a walk around the block?'

Her mom replies 'No, because she is in heat.'

'What does that mean?' asked the child.

'Go and ask your father. I think he's in the garage.'

The little girl goes out to the garage and says, 'Dad, can I take her for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was on the heat.'

He took a rag, soaked it in petrol, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said 'Ok, you can go now, but keep her on the leash and only go one time around the block.'

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash.

Surprised, Dad asked, "Where's the dog?"

The little girl said, (you'll love this!) "She ran out of petrol about halfway round the block, so another dog is pushing her home!"



Do these look like they're laughing
or have I gone crazy?



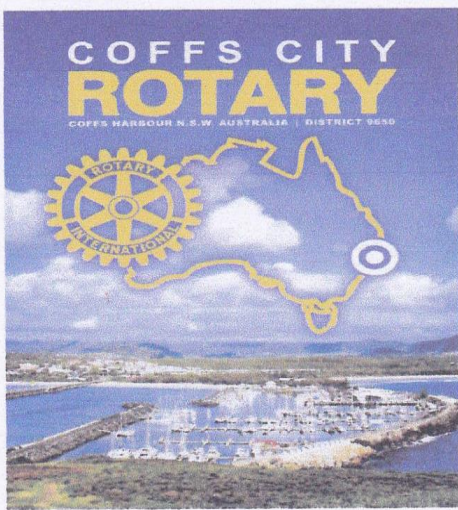
The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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